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[Statement about Relationship between FBIS and CIA]

The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was established by the Federal Communications Commission in 1941 to monitor German, Italian, and Japanese public radio broadcasts.

It became part of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947. Its role--directed by the National Security Council--is to monitor foreign radio, television, press wire service news and commentary transmissions to meet the information needs of all U. S. departments and agencies. It also ^{TRANSLATE} ~~covers~~ foreign language publications and documents and manages the Joint Publications Research Service. ^{MOST OF} Its published products are unclassified and widely disseminated throughout the U.S. Government. Much of the product is also available to the academic community and others in the public sector.

[Public Notification - cover note and for use by NTIS]

NOTE

On [date] the Joint Publications Research Service was transferred from the administration of the Department of Commerce to that of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, the largest user of JPRS services. There will be no change in the quality of JPRS services, or in the content and distribution of JPRS reports, as a result of this administrative move.

[Contractor Notification - Response to Possible Inquiry]

Dear [contractor name]:

In reply to your inquiry of [date], JPRS was transferred from the management of the Department of Commerce to that of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service on [date]. This is merely an administrative move which was decided upon in the interests of greater efficiency because FBIS has become the major user of JPRS services.

Please be assured that you need look for no change in the traditional JPRS management and that your employment with JPRS will be quite unaffected by the transfer.

Sincerely,